

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to the Applicant's Amendment filed 09/19/2008.
Claims 33, 37, 38, and 44-48 are amended.
Claims 1-32 and 41-43 are previously canceled.
Claims 33-40 and 44-48 remain for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 33-40 and 44-46 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Any prior art of the record does not teach or suggest alone or in combination with other prior art of record the specific features required in the independent Claims 33, 37 and 38 such as "wherein having approved credentials resulting from an enrollment process further comprises each player having agreed to a community policy to refrain from engaging in sexually explicit communications; wherein the request from the first player is a request from the first player for communication information corresponding to the second player and that is required to establish the peer-to-peer connection between the first player and the second player and that includes at least an IP address of the second player; in response to the request, transmitting the communication information comprising at least the IP address corresponding to the second player from the game server to the first player, wherein the first player, upon receiving the communication information, initiates the peer-to-peer communication with the second player by using the received communication information the peer-to-peer communication comprising a voice

communication; and in response to receiving a notification from the first player indicating that the second player communicated to the first player a communication that violates the community policy, removing the second player from the list such that the second player is prohibited from playing multiplayer games hosted on the game server" recited in the independent Claim 29. The prior art taken either single or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the above limitations of applicant's independent claims in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. Therefore, the claimed invention is considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and non-obvious over prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baotran N. To whose telephone number is 571-272-8156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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